



## NEWS RELEASE

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### DELAYED FATAL VEHICLE COLLISION NORTH MAIN AVENUE AND WEST SPEEDWAY BOULEVARD

On December 28, 2021, at approximately 10:13 a.m., officers from Operations Division West responded to the intersection of N. Main Ave. and W. Speedway Blvd. for a report of a serious injury collision involving four vehicles. Tucson Fire personnel arrived and evaluated all those involved, ultimately transporting the driver of a white 2007 Nissan Altima to Banner University Medical Center for further evaluation.

Traffic Unit Detectives were not contacted due to the initial medical assessment of those involved. Interviews conducted by officers determined that the driver of the Nissan was traveling westbound, approaching a red light at the intersection of W. Speedway Blvd. and N. Main Ave. The driver went to apply their brakes to stop but instead pushed on the accelerator causing the Nissan to run the red light and strike a blue 2003 Honda Civic within the intersection. That collision caused the Nissan to strike a blue 2021 Chevrolet Colorado that was stopped in the left-turn bay of eastbound Speedway Blvd. As a result of this collision, the Chevrolet was pushed backward into a silver 2003 Hyundai Tiburon that was stopped behind the Chevrolet.

On January 5, 2022, the Tucson Police Department was notified by the Office of the Medical Examiner (OME) that the driver of the Nissan had passed away as a result of the injuries sustained during the collision. He has been identified as 75-year-old **Joseph Edward Parker**. Next of kin has been notified of his passing.

The investigation is closed, and no citations or charges will be issued. Mr. Parker's failure to stop for a red light is the major contributing factor in the collision.

#### Traffic Fatalities Year to Date:

For 2021 – 00	For 2022 – 3
Pedestrian – 0	Pedestrian – 0
Bicycle – 0	Bicycle – 0
Motorcycle – 0	Motorcycle – 1
Vehicle - 0	Vehicle – 2